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THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MARSHALL PLAN

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1.) WITH THE SCHEDULED THIRTIETH MARSHALL PLAN
ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION NOW LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS
AWAY, THE OECD SECRETARIAT, AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ARE
LOOKING TO THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION FOR AN EARLY
CLEAR SIGNAL OF ITS VIEWS OF THE PREPARATIONS THUS FAR
AND OF THE NATURE AND LEVEL OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN
THE FESTIVITIES. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT MISSION
HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAS
BEEN INVITED BY LINCOLN GORDON TO BE ONE OF THE KEYNOTE
SPEAKERS AT THE BANQUET. DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO RECALL
THAT IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER
REPS, MISSION HAS BEEN URGING THAT ALL THE OPTIONS BE
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KEPT OPEN WITH RESPECT TO THE PREPARATIONS, AND HAS
POSED THE ISSUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WHETHER AND IF SO
HOW THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN MIGHT
BE RELATED TO THE OVERALL SCENARIO FOR HIGH LEVEL
MEETINGS THIS SPRING AND THE INITIATIVES THE ADMINISTRA-
TION MAY WISH TO LAUNCH (REF B).

2.) AS OF NOW PREPARATIONS FOR THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY ARE CENTERED ON A FUTURE-ORIENTED SYMPOSIUM ON THE THEME QUOTE FROM THE MARSHALL PLAN TO GLOBAL INTER-DEPENDENCE UNQUOTE TO BE HELD AT THE OECD, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 2 AND 3, AN IDEA WHICH ORIGINATED WITH THE GEORGE MARSHALL FOUNDATION, AND WHICH IS BEING ORGANIZED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LINCOLN GORDON FOR THE U.S. AND ROBERT MARJOLIN FOR EUROPE. PAPERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED AND ARE BEING PREPARED BY SIX DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS INCLUDING KINDLEBERGER AND STANLEY HOFFMAN FROM THE U.S. A CEREMONIAL DINNER FOR SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WILL BE HOSTED BY OECD ON THIS OCCASION. THE PRIVATE ORGANIZERS HAVE INVITED SECRETARY VANCE TO BE ONE OF TWO KEYNOTE SPEAKERS. THEY HAVE INVITED RAYMOND BARRE TO BE THE OTHER, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION YET IF HE WILL ACCEPT.

3.) SOME BASIC ANSWERS ARE REQUIRED SOON:

A. IS WASHINGTON CONTENT WITH THE SCENARIO AS IT STANDS TODAY, I.E., SYMPOSIUM AS BEING ORGANIZED (DETAILS IN PARA 4. BELOW) AND OECD BANQUET? OR DOES IT CONTEMPLATE THAT MARSHALL PLAN ANNIVERSARY EVENT WOULD ALSO FIT SOMEHOW INTO SPRING SCENARIO FOR HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS (EITHER SUMMIT OR MINISTERIAL)?

B. IF WASHINGTON IS NOT CONTEMPLATING ANY OTHER OFFICIAL EVENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS COMMEMORATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT WHAT LEVEL DOES IT ENVISAGE BEING REPRESENTED AT THE SYMPOSIUM AND BANQUET? THE ORGANIZERS AND SECRETARIAT HAVE THOUGHT OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES AT THE BANQUET WHO WOULD POSSIBLY ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM AS WELL IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES. THEY ALSO ASSUME THAT A NUMBER OF QUOTE SENIOR OFFICIALS UNQUOTE WOULD ALSO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM AS WELL IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES. MOST GOVERNMENTS ARE WAITING FOR A SIGNAL FROM THE U.S. ON THIS QUESTION. THUS IF SECRETARY VANCE (OR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE) WERE TO ADDRESS THE BANQUET, THE OTHERS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE THEIR CUE.

C. FINALLY, THE ORGANIZERS NEED THE HELP OF THE GOVERNMENTS IN DETERMINING THE PEOPLE TO BE INVITED TO THE SYMPOSIUM AS PARTICIPANTS (ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO THE DINNER). THEIR WISH IS TO BRING TOGETHER A SMALL NUMBER OF MARSHALL PLAN ERA PEOPLE, BUT TO EMPHASIZE THE FUTURE-ORIENTED NATURE OF THE CONFERENCE BY INVITING LEADING THINKERS FROM THE POST-

MARSHALL PLAN GENERATION, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, THE PRESS, UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH INSTITUTES,

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BUSINESS AND LABOR. WITH THIS IN MIND THE OECD SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED A TENTATIVE, INCOMPLETE AND UNBALANCED LIST FOR OUR CONSIDERATION (SEE PARA 5. BELOW). FRANKLY ADMITTING TO ITS INADEQUACY, THE ORGANIZERS LOOK TO U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR ITS JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHT INDIVIDUAL FOR THIS EVENT. THUS, WE HOPE TO HAVE IN RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE AN AMENDED LIST WITH THE MOST APPROPRIATE PERSONS FROM THE MARSHALL PLAN AND CURRENT ERAS GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS ACADEMIA AND OTHER PRIVATE WALKS OF LIFE. THE SECRETARIAT AND ORGANIZERS HOPE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL ENCOURAGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED. HERE AGAIN, OTHER COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUALS WILL TAKE THEIR CUE FROM U.S. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN DETERMINING WHOM THEY WILL RECOMMEND ATTEND ESPECIALLY IN THE SENIOR LEVEL WHETHER ANY MINISTERS OR SENIOR OFFICIALS ATTEND. INVITEES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ESSAYISTS (PAID BY MARSHALL FOUNDATION), AND DISCUSSANTS, (PAID OUT OF OECD FUNDS), WILL BE

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EXPECTED TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY.

4.) LIST OF TOPICS AND AUTHORS OF ESSAYS FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE SYMPOSIUM FOLLOWS. THE ORGANIZERS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF CHOOSING TWO DISCUSSANTS FOR EACH ESSAY WHO WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL COMMENTARY ON THE PREPARED PAPERS AND WILL LEAD THE DIALOGUE. WE WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS TO WHO THEY WILL BE:

1. LESSONS OF THE MARSHALL PLAN EXPERIENCE

LORD FRANKS, (FORMERLY SIR OLIVER FRANKS), CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, 1947; SUBSEQUENTLY BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES; CHAIRMAN OF LLOYDS BANK, LTD., PROVOST OF WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD.

2. ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD

ASSAR LINDBECK, PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES, STOCKHOLM.

3. STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN INDUSTRIALIZED SOCIETIES

JEAN-CLAUDE CASANOVA, PROFESSOR AT L'INSTITUT DES ETUDES POLITIQUES DE PARIS.

4. INTERDEPENDENCE IN NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS

CHARLES P. KINDLEBERGER, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF
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ECONOMICS, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

5. INTERDEPENDENCE IN EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS

NORBERT KLOTEN, PRESIDENT, LANDESZENTRALBANK IN BADEN-WURTTEMBERG, STUTTGART.

6. DOMESTIC POLITICS AND THE IMPERATIVES OF
INTERDEPENDENCE

STANLEY HOFFMANN, PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT,
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER
FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES.

5.) OECD PROPOSED LIST OF INVITEES FOLLOWS:

I RESPONSIBLE MINISTER

THE HONORABLE CYRUS VANCE
SECRETARY OF STATE

II PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO OECD

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